

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 12, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 12, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. Claims 8-17 and 22-29 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 30 has been added. Claims 1-7, 18-21 and 30 remain pending following entry of this response. Applicants submit that the new claim does not introduce new matter.

Election/Restrictions

Claims 1-29 stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. 121 as follows:

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| Group I | Claims 1-7 and 18-21, a method of capturing information in the building of queries that comprises of receiving an indication of a query; providing an interface and storing the annotation. |
| Group II | Claims 8-17, a method of sharing information useful in building queries comprising monitoring query components; search for annotations and providing an indication of annotations. |
| Group III | Claims 22-29, a system for sharing information useful in building queries comprising of an annotation database; a query building interface and an annotation system. |

Applicants elect, without traverse, the species of Group I. Claims 1-7 and 18-21 are readable thereon. Further, Applicants submit new claim 30 is generic.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and
S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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